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in New Hampshire

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In this issue... we introduce a new format for *Economic Conditions*. We have incorporated many of your suggestions. We hope the resulting product will give you the information you need in a clearer, more readable package - *see page 8.*

Attached to this issue: A fact sheet on PC ALEX, a mainframe-computer-based job bank allowing users to search a database of job openings at libraries and state technical schools.

- The New Hampshire not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November fell to 5.3 percent, dropping 0.6 percentage points; from the revised estimate for October - unchanged at 5.9 percent. The state rate one year ago was 7.3 percent.
- The U.S. not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November declined to 6.1 percent, dropping 0.2 percentage points. One year ago the national rate was 7.0 percent.
- New Hampshire's labor force increased to an estimated 652,080 in November; employment levels increased 8,940 to 617,750; unemployment levels decreased to 34,330.
- Nonagricultural wage and salary jobs numbers slipped by 4,100. The total of 499,600 was the largest for November since 1990.
- In November, manufacturing jobs grew by 200, construction lost 800 jobs over the month, retail trade remained unchanged, while wholesale jobs declined by 200.
- November-to-November nonfarm jobs increased by 7,300; total government jobs increased by 5.6 percent over the year.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates:

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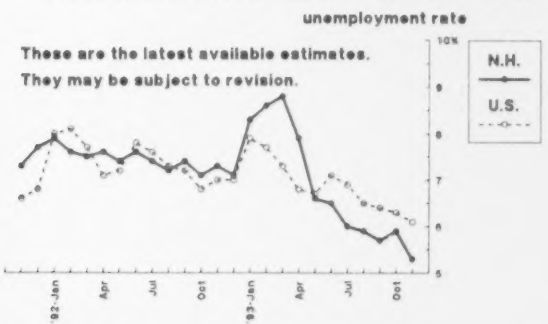

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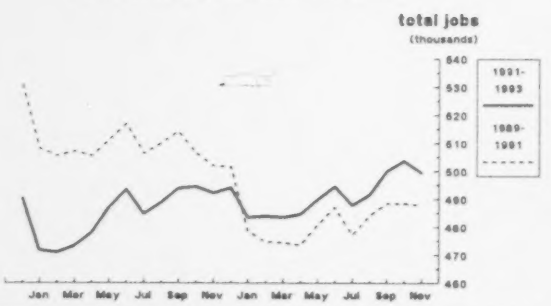
N.H. AND U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

NONFARM JOBS BEGIN TO REBOUND FOLLOWING LONG PLUNGE



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TOTAL JOBS IN NH NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECEMBER 1989 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1993

Table 1. MONTHLY NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (by place of residence)	Number of Workers NOVEMBER 1993	OCTOBER 1993	NOVEMBER 1992	Net Change From Previous: Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	652,080	646,710	645,340	5,370	6,740
Employed	617,750	608,810	598,090	8,940	19,660
Unemployed	34,330	37,900	48,110	-3,750	-12,920
Unemployment Rate (*percent of labor force*)	5.3%	5.9%	7.3%	—	—

Table 2. NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NH SMSA, US,
AND REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (by place of residence)	NOVEMBER 1993	OCTOBER 1993	NOVEMBER 1992
UNITED STATES	6.1%	6.3%	7.0%
- New Hampshire Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas -			
Manchester MSA	5.0%	5.5%	7.2%
Nashua PMSA	6.3%	7.2%	8.5%
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester, NH-ME MSA	4.1%	4.2%	5.4%
Lawrence-Haverhill, MA-NH PMSA	8.0%	8.9%	9.7%
Lowell, MA-NH PMSA	7.0%	7.3%	10.0%
- in the Region -			
Boston MA, PMSA	5.2%	5.4%	7.2%
NEW ENGLAND	6.0%	5.8%	8.0%
Connecticut	5.8%	5.6%	7.0%
Maine	8.0%	6.5%	7.1%
Massachusetts	6.1%	6.2%	8.3%
New Hampshire	5.3%	5.9%	7.3%
Rhode Island	7.1%	6.9%	7.9%
Vermont	4.1%	3.7%	5.9%
NORTHEAST:			
New Jersey	5.9%	6.3%	8.4%
New York	7.2%	7.5%	7.8%
Pennsylvania	6.7%	6.6%	6.8%

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT SPORT LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN NEW ENGLAND

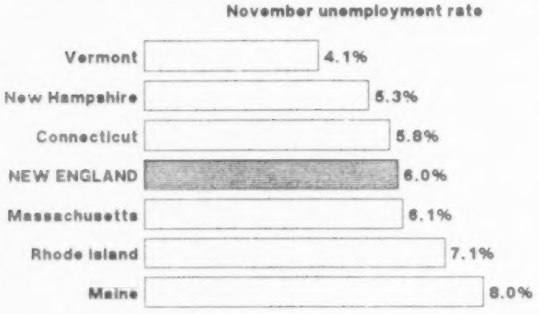

Figure c.
NEW ENGLAND STATES' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ESTIMATES

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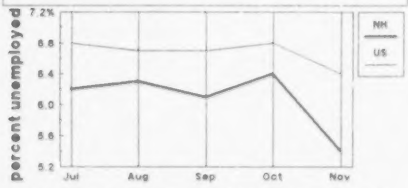
Seasonally Adjusted Estimates:

The New Hampshire seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November fell one full percentage point from October's revised rate, which was unchanged at 6.4, to 5.4 percent; the U.S. adjusted rate for November was 6.4 percent, down 0.4 percentage points.

Table 3. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE UNITED STATES

NEW HAMPSHIRE	Jul-93	Aug-93	Sep-93	Oct-93	Nov-93
Rate of Unemployment	6.2%	6.3%	6.1%	6.4%	5.4%
Civilian Labor Force	630,660	642,290	648,540	649,760	650,940
Number Employed	591,650	601,650	609,280	608,300	615,510
Number Unemployed	39,010	40,640	39,260	41,460	35,430
UNITED STATES	*(United States labor force numbers in thousands)*				
Rate of Unemployment	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.8%	6.4%
Civilian Labor Force	128,070	128,370	127,975	128,714	128,633
Number Employed	119,301	119,710	119,457	119,928	120,381
Number Unemployed	8,769	8,661	8,517	8,786	8,252

Figure d.
NH AND US UNEMPLOYMENT RATES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - LAST 5 MONTHS



US AND NH ADJUSTED RATES DIVERGE SHARPLY

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs for November were estimated to number 493,700. October's estimate was revised to 495,900 jobs.

Table 4. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Jul-93	Aug-93	Sep-93	Oct-93	Nov-93
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	489,20	488,000	491,500	495,900	493,700
mining*	500	500	500	500	500
construction	16,900	16,900	16,800	16,700	16,500
manufacturing	96,400	96,500	96,400	96,300	96,800
durable goods	65,400	65,100	64,900	64,700	65,100
nondurable goods	31,000	31,400	31,500	31,600	31,700
transportation,communications,public utilities	16,700	16,400	17,000	17,000	16,900
wholesale and retail trade, combined	123,800	123,000	122,500	124,100	123,500
wholesale trade	22,300	21,700	21,900	21,900	21,700
retail trade	101,500	101,300	100,600	102,200	101,800
finance, insurance, and real estate	29,300	29,100	29,000	29,200	29,100
services	131,900	131,900	132,800	135,100	134,200
government	73,700	73,700	76,500	77,000	76,200

** Since NH mining employment exhibits no clear seasonal pattern, these estimates are not adjusted.*

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES JOBS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF NONAG GAINS OVER YEAR

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GROWTH IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONAG JOBS IN LAST 12 MONTHS

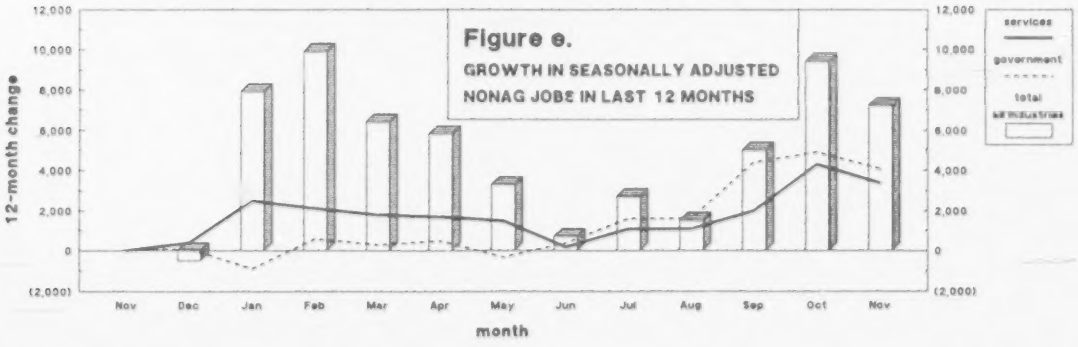

Table 5. MONTHLY NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW HAMPSHIRE NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AT MID MONTH

Current Employment Statistics (CES or BLS 790) program EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - NUMBER OF JOBS by place of establishment, benchmarked on March 1992 data	Number of Jobs NOVEMBER 1993	 OCTOBER 1993	 NOVEMBER 1992	Net Change From Previous Month	 Year
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES, Private and Government	499,600	503,700	492,300	-4,100	7,300
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT					
Private Employment Total	420,400	424,700	417,300	-4,300	3,100
Goods Producing (Private) Total	115,900	116,500	115,800	-600	100
MINING	500	500	500	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,900	18,700	17,700	-800	200
MANUFACTURING	97,500	97,300	97,600	200	-100
Durable Goods Total*	65,600	65,400	66,600	200	-1,000
Lumber and wood products	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Furniture and fixtures	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products	1,900	1,800	1,900	100	0
Primary metal industries	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Fabricated metal products except machinery and transportation products	7,400	7,400	7,200	0	200
Industrial and commercial machinery and computer equipment	19,400	19,300	20,600	100	-1,200
Electronic and electrical equipment and components except computer	13,800	13,800	13,200	0	600
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
Instruments; photographic, medical, and optical goods; watches and clocks	11,000	11,000	11,800	0	-800
Nondurable Goods Total*	31,900	31,900	31,000	0	900
Food and kindred products	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Textile mill products	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300
Apparel & other finished products made from fabrics & similar materials	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	200
Paper and allied products	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	-400
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	7,400	7,300	7,300	100	100
Leather and leather products	2,000	2,100	2,000	-100	0
Rubber and miscellaneous plastics products	8,700	8,700	8,000	0	700
Private Service Producing Total	304,500	308,200	301,500	-3,700	3,000
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	17,100	17,300	17,100	-200	0
Trade Total	125,400	125,600	125,500	-200	-100
WHOLESALE TRADE	21,700	21,900	21,300	-200	400
RETAIL TRADE	103,700	103,700	104,200	0	-500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	29,100	29,100	29,400	0	-300
SERVICES	132,900	136,200	129,500	-3,300	3,400
Health Services	41,300	41,400	41,800	-100	-500
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT					
Government Total	79,200	79,000	75,000	200	4,200
Federal	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
State	22,900	23,400	19,800	-500	3,100
Local	48,600	47,900	47,600	700	1,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING AND GOVERNMENT					
Service Producing Total	383,700	387,200	376,500	-3,500	7,200

* *Data does not add due to some unpublishable industry statistics.*

Table 6. MONTHLY NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES OF JOBS, IN NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT WITH NEW HAMPSHIRE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA EMPLOYERS, AT MID MONTH

Current Employment Statistics (CES or BLS 790) program	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA				
EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY	Number of Jobs			Change		Number of Jobs			Change		Number of Jobs			Change	
NUMBER OF JOBS by place of establishment, benchmarked on March 1992 data	NOVEMBER 1993	OCTOBER 1993	NOVEMBER 1992	From Previous: Month	Year	NOVEMBER 1993	OCTOBER 1993	NOVEMBER 1992	From Previous: Month	Year	NOVEMBER 1993	OCTOBER 1993	NOVEMBER 1992	From Previous: Month	Year
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES, Private & Government	77,400	76,500	76,700	900	700	86,100	86,200	84,600	-100	1,500	109,500	109,800	106,800	-300	2,700
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT:															
Private Employment Total	68,100	67,600	67,700	500	400	78,400	78,500	77,000	-100	1,400	84,100	84,300	82,600	-200	1,500
Goods Producing (Private) Total	13,100	13,100	12,800	0	300	31,000	30,500	31,100	500	-100	22,200	22,000	21,900	200	300
CONSTRUCTION *plus* MINING	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	200	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100	2,700	2,900	2,800	-200	-100
MANUFACTURING	9,900	9,900	9,800	0	100	28,500	28,000	28,500	500	0	19,500	19,100	19,100	400	400
Durable Goods	5,800	5,700	6,000	100	-200	22,500	22,000	22,600	500	-100	11,800	11,400	11,500	400	300
INDUS/COM MACHNRY *plus* ELEC/ELECTRON EQ	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	300	13,300	12,800	13,000	500	300	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Nondurable Goods	4,100	4,200	3,800	-100	300	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
Private Service Producing Total	55,000	54,500	54,900	500	100	47,400	48,000	45,900	-600	1,500	61,900	62,300	60,700	-400	1,200
TRANSP/COMMUNCTNS/ELEC/GAS/SANITARY SVS	4,600	4,500	4,200	100	400	3,400	3,500	2,800	-100	600	3,100	3,200	3,000	-100	100
Trade Total	19,200	18,500	19,200	700	0	20,600	20,500	20,700	100	-100	28,900	29,200	27,900	-300	1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100	3,700	3,800	3,800	-100	-100	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	14,700	14,000	14,600	700	100	16,900	16,700	16,900	200	0	26,200	26,500	25,100	-300	1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	7,500	7,500	8,400	0	-900	3,400	3,300	3,200	100	200	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0
SERVICES	23,700	24,000	23,100	-300	600	20,000	20,700	19,200	-700	800	23,100	23,100	23,000	0	100
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT:															
Government Total	9,300	8,900	9,000	400	300	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100	25,400	25,500	24,200	-100	1,200
Federal	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0	900	900	900	0	0	7,300	7,400	7,800	-100	-500
State	1,000	900	900	100	100	500	500	400	0	100	8,100	8,200	6,100	-100	2,000
Local	5,800	5,500	5,600	300	200	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0	10,000	9,900	10,300	100	-300
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING AND GOVERNMENT															
Service Producing Total	64,300	63,400	63,900	900	400	55,100	55,700	53,500	-600	1,600	87,300	87,800	84,900	-500	2,400

Manchester MSA -- includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA -- includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA -- includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

N.A. *non-available (these categories are not broken out due to confidentiality considerations)*

Labor Surplus Areas

In some parts of the state, firms may have an edge in bidding on Federal Contracts.

Does your firm bid on Federal jobs in Labor Surplus Areas?

On October 1, 1993, three New Hampshire civil jurisdictions were designated as labor surplus areas for the period from October 1, 1993, to September 30, 1994:

Belknap County, with an average unemployment rate during 1991-1992 of 8.5%;

"the balance of" Rockingham County (Rockingham County less the City of Portsmouth whose unemployment rate during the period was just 5.2%), whose unemployment rate during the period was 8.6%, and

the City of Rochester with an average unemployment rate during the period of 8.5%.

Since 1952, the Federal government has sought to combat high regional unemployment by funneling Federal procurement contracts into areas of high unemployment. The Labor Surplus Area program first received statutory authority in 1977. It was authorized on a permanent basis in 1980. Employers in labor surplus areas (areas of high unemployment) may be given preference in Federal set-aside contract bidding so as to direct Federal procurement dollars into areas of great economic need.

Labor surplus area status is granted based on units called "civil jurisdictions". A civil jurisdiction is defined as any city

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Table 7. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INITIAL CLAIMS FILED AND CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH, YEAR

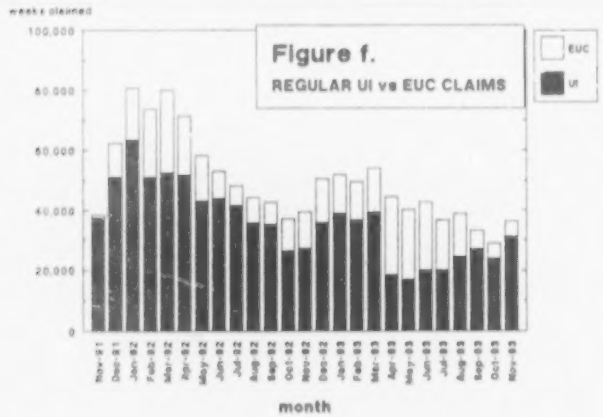
New Hampshire Employment Security UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS ACTIVITY	NOVEMBER 1993	OCTOBER 1993	NOVEMBER 1992	Change from Previous Month Net	Change from Previous Month Percent	Change from Previous Year Net	Change from Previous Year Percent
TOTAL REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAMS:							
Initial Claims Filed	4,249	3,821	4,733	428	11.2%	-484	-10.2%
Continued Weeks Claimed	30,948	23,867	27,156	7,081	29.7%	3,792	14.0%
FEDERAL EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:							
Initial Claims Filed	606	831	955	-225	-27.1%	-349	-36.5%
Continued Weeks Claimed	5,364	4,915	12,289	449	9.1%	-6,925	-56.4%

An increase of 3,792 regular unemployment compensation continued weeks claimed more than offset by drop of 6,925 EUC weeks claimed.

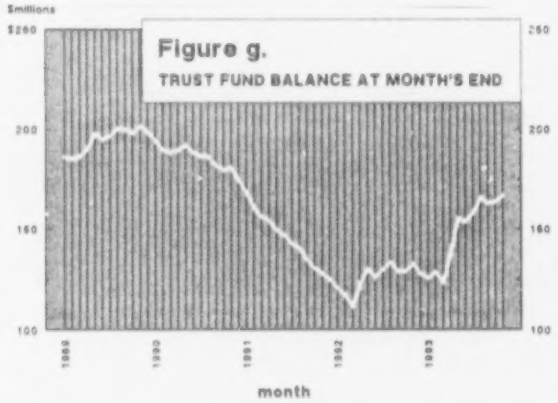
Source: New Hampshire Employment Security Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau

- Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of November: $167,007,284.70
- Average payment for a week of total unemployment: $146.75
- Net benefits paid: $4,663,954.06
- Net contributions received during the month: $4,990,110.58
- Interest Received: $2,783,830.35

REGULAR CONTINUED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS RISE AS EUC CLAIMS FALL



TRUST FUND HAS REBOUNDED TO EARLY 1991 LEVEL



"Labor Surplus Areas" - *continued from page 5*

with a population of at least 25,000 or any county minus any city within the county that qualifies separately as a civil jurisdiction. By this definition, New Hampshire has 16 civil jurisdictions; ten county or "balance-of-county" jurisdictions; and six city jurisdictions, cities with populations of 25,000 or more, i.e.: Manchester, Nashua, Concord, Rochester, Dover, and Portsmouth. A civil jurisdiction becomes a labor surplus area if its average unemployment rate during the two previous calendar years is at least 20 percent above the unemployment rate for the U.S. plus Puerto Rico during that two year period. A new qualifying rate was published in October 1993. The reference period used in setting that rate was January 1991 through December 1992. The national average unemployment rate during this period was 7.1 percent. Therefore the qualifying rate for labor surplus area classification for the twelve month period ending September 30, 1993 is 8.5 percent or above (7.1 percent x 1.2 = 8.5 percent).

When national unemployment is high, with a two-year average unemployment rate for the U.S. at 8.3 percent or above, the 20 percent ratio is ignored. A civil jurisdiction is then classified as a labor surplus area if its unemployment rate during the two-year period was 10 percent or more. Similarly, during periods when the average unemployment rate for the U.S. during the reference period was low, 5.0 percent or less, the minimum unemployment rate for a civil jurisdiction to qualify as a labor surplus area is 6.0 percent.

The list of labor surplus areas is published each month by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Employment and Training Administration, in the report, *Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment*. Labor surplus areas are established each year on October 1 and remain effect until September 30 of the next year. During the year, additional areas may be added under "exceptional circumstances" criteria.

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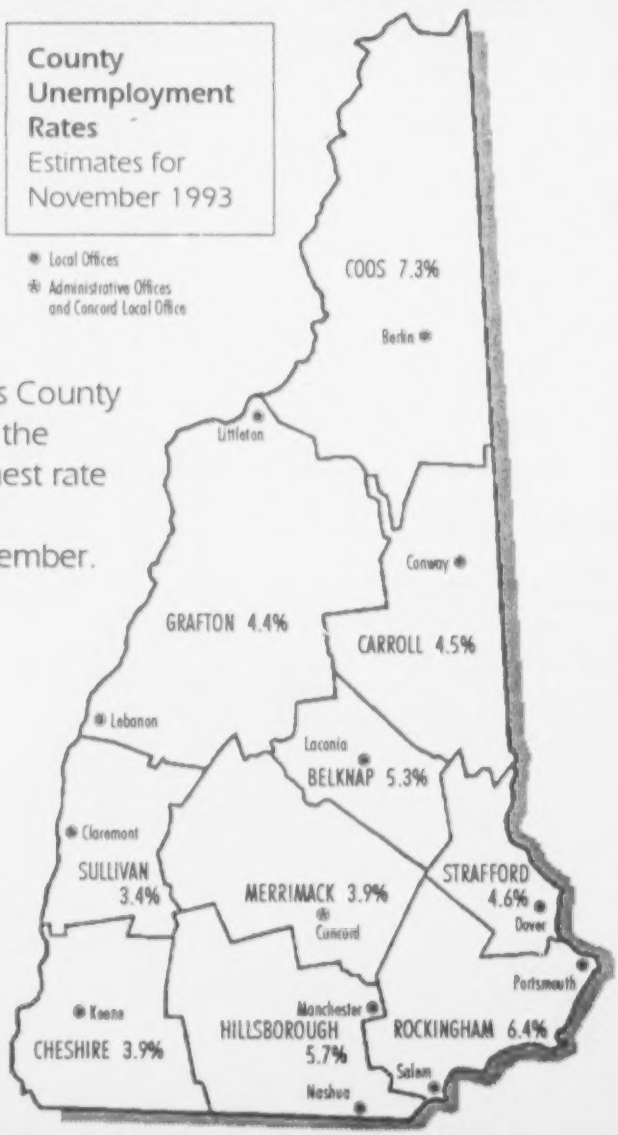
Estimates for November 1993



Coos County had the highest rate in November.

United States CONSUMER PRICE INDEX for All Urban Areas (CPI-U)

Index			Change from Previous	
November 1993	October 1993	November 1992	Month	Year
145.8	145.7	142.0	0.1%	2.7%

Indexed on 1982-1986 = 100

Something old, something new . . .

"What have you done to *Economic Conditions*?"

Some time ago, we conducted a survey of *Economic Conditions* readers. Along with a good deal of much appreciated praise of what we have been doing, came some really thoughtful ideas about things that you would like to see changed. We tallied your responses immediately, but avoided the temptation to make hasty changes other than adding a few new feature articles. We wanted to take extra time to fully assess your input.

This past summer our bureau director, George Nazer, assigned a team of three Research Unit labor market analysts: Cleaven Ferguson, Charlie Hood, and myself, to look more closely at the user survey responses and at some of the publications other states are producing. Our goal was to recreate *Economic Conditions* in a form that is more contemporary, more readable, and better suited to our readers' needs.

First, we replaced the opening text with bullets in a larger typeface. We plan to highlight the *important* data with these bullets instead of forcing you to read through long paragraphs to find the numbers you need. Next, we eliminated the detailed labor force estimates for substate regions which are available in our *Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Report*. Instead, we added a table of comparative unemployment rates for the region - something many of you had requested.

While we realize, that many readers find the detailed substate numbers useful, we advise anyone who needs these numbers to request our *LAUS Report* which is generally mailed out two weeks earlier than *Economic Conditions*. In order to retain some of the substate statistics, we created the map on page 7 to highlight unemployment rates in different parts of the state. In this issue it gives unemployment rates in New Hampshire's ten counties. Beginning in March, it will have rates for the new labor market areas which were established in August 1993, based on commuting patterns data from the 1990 U.S. Decennial Census. January numbers will be the first published using these new labor market area definitions.

EC will continue to carry state and standard metropolitan statistical area nonagricultural employment jobs estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) Program. This is the only place we publish this series. We have dropped the tables with estimates of weekly hours and earnings of production workers. Our survey showed relatively little interest in this data series. We will continue to publish these numbers with the CES benchmarks in the March issue.

We dropped the section on labor exchange activity in our local offices because of lack of general reader interest. Calendar year labor exchange activity data can be found in our *Annual Report*.

We will continue to publish Unemployment Compensation data, though we have dropped the local office numbers and those for the various programs in favor of just statewide totals. Features such as "Hot off the press" and "Did you know" will continue to appear along with other new features.

If there are data elements that you use which have been left out of the new format, you may find that they are available in one of our other publications. Some of the "missing" numbers will appear from time to time in feature articles. One of the new *EC* features is a list of labor market information telephone numbers on page 7. If you need help in locating some of the data you need, please feel free to call us.

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